

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

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Support for Senate Bill 1044 (Liu) to Promote Efficiencies in Library Services Statewide

Senate Bill 1044 (Liu) creates efficiencies and benefits for libraries statewide by repealing the Library of California Act and making conforming changes to the California Library Services Act. Specifically, the bill eliminates programs that were never fully funded by the State as well as programs whose value has been diluted with the widespread use of the Internet and enhanced online services available at modern libraries.

Furthermore, SB 1044 aims to reduce administrative overhead for regional library networks by eliminating the duplicative requirement for an advisory board. The bill also provides for an orderly transition of California Library Board members who will serve for the duration of their terms. SB 1044 is the result of discussions amongst library directors statewide including from the Los Angeles County Public Library, the California State Library and the California Library Association.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Support Senate Bill 1044 (Liu), instruct the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento to take appropriate actions to ensure the bill's passage, and to notify the Board of Supervisors of any substantive revisions that modify the intent of the bill.

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